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Letters Editor
 Newsweek
 444 Madison Avenue
 New York, New York 10022

Dear Sir:

The November 21st issue of NEWSWEEK contained an article concerning personnel cuts at the CIA. One of the quotes in that article has been misinterpreted by personnel in the CIA and I have issued the attached statement to put the matter in proper context for CIA employees. I hope that you will print that statement in your Letters Column so that all of your readers may share my true feelings.

Yours Sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

Attachment: a/s

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2 December 1977

Mr. Howard Simons
The Washington Post
1150 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20071

Dear Mr. Simons:

This is the article mentioned by
the Director of Central Intelligence on
the telephone to you this afternoon.

Sincerely,

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